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Media Alert

Flooding Update

Collinsville, IL: The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the closure of several additional area highways due to flooding: IL 161 and Old IL 158 near Scott Air Force Base, IL 13 east of IL 157, the EB Ramp from Interstate 64 to SB Interstate 255, and SB Interstate 255 Ramp to State Street in St. Clair County. It is expected that each of these roadways will slowly reopen once the rain subsides in the region.

Furthermore, IL 155 near Prairie Du Rocher, IL 3 near Cora and Water Street (IL Route 3 By Pass) in Chester remain closed due to the rising Mississippi River.

Should the current forecasts hold, additional roads will close in the next 24 hours. They include: IL 100 in Jersey County, The Brussels Ferry between Jersey and Calhoun County, US 50 at Silver Creek in St. Clair County, and Marine-St. Jacob Road in Madison County. Each of these roadways is impacted by nearby creeks and rivers. They are expected to remain closed through at least Monday.

At this time, both US 67 at the Clark Bridge and IL 100 north of Alton should remain open. However, the Department will continue to monitor these roadways along with all others within the eleven counties of District 8 throughout the weekend. We will provide updates to significant changes, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards have been deployed to assist motorists in safely navigating around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes and avoid known closures. Additional travel times should be expected throughout the region. All motorists are urged to be patient as travel times and patterns will be affected throughout the weekend.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department's website, www.idot.illinois.gov, for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the MetroEast is also available at www.stl-traffic.org.

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